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E. O. 11642: GDS

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SUBJ: PRESS STORIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE GVN INTERVENTION IN
CAMBODIA

1. JUNE 28 IN COURSE OF CALL ON LUONG NHI KY (SPECIAL ASSISTANT
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TO FOREIGN MINISTER) BENNET MENTIONED RECENT
PRESS RELEASES BY GVN SPOKESMAN TRUC CONCERNING CAMBODIA, MAKING
POINT THAT RELEASES WERE FUELING PRESS SPECULATION ABROAD THAT GVN
PREPARING TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN CAMBODIA. SUCH SPECULATION
COULD BE VERY HARMFUL TO U. S. AND GVN POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA.

2. KY SAID HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN STARTLED BY BOLD AND SENSATIONAL
HEADLINES SUGGESTING MILITARY ACTION BY ARVN AND VNAF IN CAMBODIA
THAT WERE APPEARING IN VIETNAMESE PRESS. TWO DAYS AGO FONMIN HAD
RELEASED A CAUTIOUS STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT, IF CAMBODIA WERE
TO SEEK GVN AID, GVN WOULD CONSIDER REQUEST. (KY POINTED OUT
CONFIDENTIALLY THAT GVN HAD TURNED DOWN " SEVERAL " CAMBODIAN
REQUESTS FOR MILITARY AID IN THE PAST.) FON MIN STATEMENT LACKED
EMBROIDERY AND SAID NOTHING ABOUT WHAT FORN GVN AID MIGHT TAKE
WERE POSITIVE DECISION TAKEN.

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3. KY ATTRIBUTED SENSATIONAL OVERTONES OF TRUC' S COMMENTS TO PRESS TO LATTER' S INEXPERIENCE-- TRUC, HE SAID, HAD STILL NOT TURNED 30. ALARMED BY TONE OF THE PRESS ON CAMBODIA FOLLOWING TRUC PRESS CONFERENCE, HE HAD EARLIER IN THE DAY CALLED NHA' S OFFICE IN ORDER TO " CORRECT" TRUC.

4. TRUC' S PREPARED STATEMENT WAS IN ITSELF INNOCUOUS. THERE SEEMS LITTLE DOUBT THAT RECENT STORIES ABOUT POSSIBLE GVN AID TO CAMBODIA RESULT FROM MELADROIT RESPONSES BY GVN SPOKESMAN UNDER NEEDLING BY THE PRESS.
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